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SUBJECT: CENTRAL BANK IMPOSES TEMPORARY FREEZE ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE

REMITTANCES DEVALUATION EXPECTED.

1. CENTRAL BANK HAS JUST TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ALL SALES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR REMITTANCE ABROAD, WITH EXCEPTION OF: 1) CERTAIN IMPORT PAYMENTS; 2) REPAYMENT OF LOANS AND INTEREST APPROVED UNDER CIRCULAR R.C. 444 OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1972; 3) EXPENSES FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL; 4) OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED EXPRESSLY BY CENTRAL BANK; AND 5) FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE SALES CONTRACTS WHEN TERMINATED.

- 2. IN ANOTHER DECREE, CENTRAL BANK PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL BANKS FROM UNDERTAKING NEW FORWARD SALES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO COVER IMPORT TRANSACTIONS, OR FROM RENEWING CONTRACTS ALREADY SIGNED.
- 3. COMMENT: MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE RESTRICTIONS ARE TEMPORARY AND RANGE PRESAGE FURTHER IMPORTANT EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS WHICH LIKELY NEXT WEEK.

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